trade data are maintained on financial year basis. Exports of readymade garments during the years 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95 (available for the period April—January, 1994-95) are as under:—

	US $ Million
1992-93	2393
1993-94	2586
1994-95 . . . . (April-January)	2507
1993-94 . . . . (April-January)	2020

(Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta).

(b) and (d) Exports of readymade garments recorded increase of 8.1 per cent in 1992-93, 8.1 per cent in 1993-94 and 24.1 per cent during April-January, 1994-95 over the corresponding period in 1993-94.

(c) Does not arise.

Committee on import of plastic scrap waste

5078. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed a committee to draft guidelines for the import of plastic scrap waste; and

(b) if so, what are the names of the members of the committee and its terms o reference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of the members of the committee are as under:—

1. Smt. Lalitha B. Singh,
   Advisor,
   Deptt. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals.
2. Shri Alok Goyal,
   Project Officer.
3. Shri P. Venkatesan,
   Jt. DGFT,
   Office of DGFT,
4. Shri Y. P. Kakar,
   Director,
   Ministry of Environment & Forests.
5. Shri S. R. Singh, I.A. (Gen.)
   Deptt. of DC(SSI).

The Committee has been appointed to formulate guidelines for import of all kinds of plastic waste/scrap (except PET bottle waste).

Export of Cardamon

5079. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total export of cardamom during the last three years;

(b) what are the total amount of foreign exchange earnings of cardamom exports during the said period, Statewise;

(c) whether there is spurt in cardamom exports; and

(d) what are the encouragement schemes Government have taken to boost cardamom growing as well as its exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The details of the total export of cardamom (Small and large) and the amount of foreign exchange earned during the last

(Qty. : MT & Value : US Million $)

Year	Small Cardamom		Large Cardamom	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
1992-93*	190	2.59	1264	2.98
1993-94*	342	4.42	1745	3.69
1994-95(E)**	261	2.42	1220	2.46

(E) : Estimate, *Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta

**Source : Spices Board.

State-wise Break up is not maintained

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Some of the schemes implemented by the Government Spices Board to increase the production/productivity and the exports of cardamom include:—

(i) Production and supply of quality planting material through Departmental, certified and polybag Nursery Schemes.

(ii) Production and supply of tissue culture plantlets of high yielding varieties of cardamom.

(iii) Giving financial assistance for provision of irrigation facilities.

(iv) Providing subsidy for replantation of old diseased and uneconomic plantations.

(v) Participation in international fairs, arranging buyer-seller meets and inviting leading imppprters of cardamom.

(vi) Undertaking logo promotion activities in West Asian markets and maintaining close liasion with trade missions in that region.

(vii) Air freight subsidy for a limited period, on export of cardamom to West Asian destination.

CAG Report on Indirect Taxes pointing out non-fulfilment of export obligations by companies

5080. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) in his latest report on indirect taxes has pointed out that though many companies have availed import benefits but they have not undertaken their obligations toward sexports;

(b) if so, the details of such companies and the action Government propose to take in the matter to check the misuse of the import facility; and

(c) the number of such cases that have occurred earlier and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) C&AG in his general appraisal expressed some doubts about fulfilment of Export Obligation in time under the Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme.

(b) and (c) The Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG) Scheme started functioning in May '90 after issue of Customs Notification No. 169/90-Cus. on 3.5.90. The first import licence after approval by the Committee was issued in August '90. The Export Obligation, as per policy, then tn force was to be completed within four years from the date of first import. Export Obligation